

Implementing College and Career Readiness Standards in Adult Education

Background

For over a decade, the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) has provided leadership and technical support to States and programs to promote standards-based education, to improve the quality of adult education and literacy programs nationwide. Using standards has been shown to increase clarity of expectations, instruction, and outcomes for instructors and students alike. Yet, the key to those improvements taking hold is increasing the capacity of program staff to effectively implement high-quality standards across its organization or institution. This project will assist OVAE in the next stage of its efforts to strengthen the capacity of adult educators to implement college and career readiness (CCR) standards. The mission is to extend the work of OVAE's *Standards-in-Action Innovations for Standards-Based Education* into new and exciting CCR realms, with a focus on educator-friendly tools for teachers and practical assistance for administrators, in scaling up implementation across entire programs.

Overview

Implementing CCR Standards in Adult Education will support the development of educational programs to better prepare adult students for postsecondary and career success, through the implementation of CCR standards. This project will provide the necessary supports, in order to help instructors teach the standards and to help administrators prepare educators for higher-level academic standards. It will develop and deploy multi-leveled training and technical assistance for all States and programs through virtual and face-to-face learning environments. The project is designed to serve the needs and interests of all States—regardless of where they are in the standards-implementation process. This includes States yet to adopt CCR standards or update their existing standards, as well as those seeking assistance to meet new requirements associated with CCR standards implementation.

Implementing CCR Standards in Adult Education, which goes until September 2016, is being managed by Susan Pimentel and StandardsWork project staff.

Project Milestones

- Establish a cadre of national trainers and experts.
- Develop and deliver six national training institutes.
- Develop and deliver advanced-level, targeted training and technical assistance for States.
- Assemble online teaching and learning resources.

Outcomes and Products

- National- and State-level training systems to support CCR standards implementation.
- Sustained implementation of CCR standards in a minimum of 12 States.
- Online teaching and learning resources to further promote CCR standards in adult education.

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